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The reply filed 11 February 2011 is acknowledged.

1. ☐ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☐ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

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Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-22 are currently rejected. Claims 5 and 17 include allowable subject matter, and claims 23-27 are withdrawn.